

REMARKS

All amendments are made in a good faith effort to advance the prosecution on the merits of this case. Applicants reserve their rights to subsequently take up prosecution on the claims as originally filed in this or an appropriate continuing application. Applicant believes that all of the amendments add no new matter and that all of the amendments have antecedent support in the specification as originally filed.

The amendments to the specification that are directed to the word “polysuccinamide” are to correct a typographical error. Specifically, the “a” in polysuccinamide should be an “i”. Other amendments are made to more accurately describe the invention. Applicants submit that all amendments to the specification add no new matter.

The amendments to the claims that are directed to the word “polysuccinamide” are to correct a typographical error. Specifically, the “a” in polysuccinamide should be an “i”. Likewise, one of the amendments to claim 14 is to correct a typographical error. Specifically, the word “postassium” was corrected to reflect the proper spelling “potassium” as found in the specification as originally filed, *e.g.*, paragraph 0019, and in other claims as originally filed, *e.g.*, claim 18. Other amendments are made to more accurately describe the invention. Applicants submit that all amendments to the claims add no new matter.

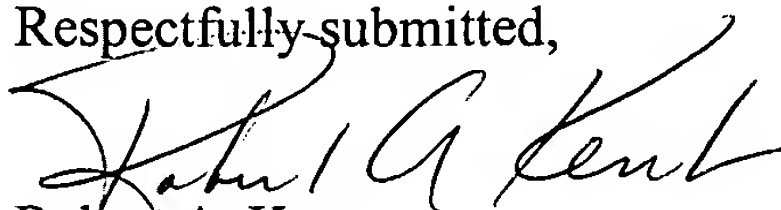
Applicants respectfully request that these amendments above be entered pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Applicants submit that these amendments will put the claims in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record below by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail at the Examiner’s convenience.

Applicants believe that there are no additional fees due in association with this filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, should the Commissioner deem that additional fees are due, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-0300.

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